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SUBJ: ASST SECRETARY ENDERS' PLANNED CONSULTATIONS IN TOKYO

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1. WHILE WE HAVE NOT OBTAINED FORMAL RESPONSE FROM GOJ RE PREFERRED DATES FOR ENDERS-COOPER VISIT (RESPONSE COMPLICATED SOMEWHAT BY KOSUGI'S APPARENTLY HAVING MENTIONED ONLY NOVEMBER 11-12 AND NOT NOVEMBER 5 IN HIS REPORTING TELEGRAM), INDICATIONS ARE THAT GOJ WILL OPT FOR NOVEMBER 5 DATE. ALTHOUGH TSURUMI (FONOFF) WILL BE OUT OF JAPAN UNTIL NOVEMBER 8, MIYAZAKI WILL BE AVAILABLE ON NOVEMBER 4 (LOCAL HOLIDAY) IF NECESSARY AND ON NOVEMBER 5; MASUDA'S OFFICE (MITI) INDICATES PROBABLE PREFERENCE FOR NOVEMBER 5; AND YOSHIDA (MOF) AGREEABLE TO NOVEMBER 5 (AND 6) BUT LEAVING JAPAN NOVEMBER 11. WE WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS FORMAL RESPONSE RECEIVED.

2. YOSHIDA CALLED E/C MIN OCTOBER 24 TO APOLOGIZE FOR STATEMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER OHIRA TO PRESS THAT EVENING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: HIGH USG OFFICIAL CURRENTLY IN EUROPE DISCUSSING ENERGY QUESTION; HE MIGHT BE COMING TO JAPAN SOON, PERHAPS AS FOLLOW UP TO C-5 MEETING IN WASHINGTON. YOSHIDA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LATTER STATEMENT COULD SPARK GREATER PRESS INTEREST BUT SAID IT TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
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